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Dear Harold,

I am sorry it is so long since you heard from me. No sooner was Christmas over than I got sick - with a bleeding stomach - and ended up in the hospital, and having to rest for a few weeks. However, at long last, I am settling down to the Big Write on the Hoover manuscript.

I am writing to you now, in particular, because a contact has sent me the following suggestion for follow-up research. During the H.S.C.A. hearings on King, he says, a retired F.B.I. agent mentioned having been in the company of Hoover when the word of Martin Luther King's murder arrived at headquarters. The retired agent went on to say that, upon hearing the news of King's death, Hoover indulged in a sort of triumphal outburst - somewhat along the lines of "We (or they,) finally got the sonofabitch".

Does this ring any bells with you? It is, of course, important to me to know whether Hoover said anything like this at all. Would you let me know whether you have any recollections of this, or - if the story has somehow become twisted - if you can construe which witness my contact may be remembering? If you can't remember anything about this, who do you suggest would be my best next try?

Warmest regards from me,

Tony.